

NC Courts Commission

Trends and Issues related to Domestic Violence in North Carolina

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About the Council for Women & Youth Involvement

- The NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement's mission is to advise the Governor, the legislature and state departments on employment and health issues impacting women in NC.
- Administers state and federal programming related to domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, youth empowerment, human trafficking awareness and more.
- Manages four advisory boards and commissions related to the status of women and young people, including the NC Domestic Violence Commission.
- Organized in the Advocacy Programs section of the NC Department of Administration, Secretary Machel Sanders.



NC Domestic Violence Commission

- Statutory authority: G.S. 143B-394 *Part 10C DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION*
- Purpose:
 - To assess statewide needs related to domestic violence
 - To ensure that necessary services, policies and programs are provided to those in need
 - To strengthen the existing domestic violence programs which have been established pursuant to G.S. 50B-9 and are funded through the Domestic Violence Center Funds and recommend new domestic violence programs
 - 39-member Board, including judicial and agency representation

Domestic Violence in NC: FY2018-2019



112,860 crisis calls to state grantee hotlines



83% of clients served were female. 18% were minors. 45% were people of color.



60,301 clients served by state grantees



Over 7,000 educational and professional trainings conducted.



Crisis calls received and clients served are both increasing



11,138 victims received shelter services. **5,752 victims were referred to other shelters due to a lack of space.**

Trends in the Data



The number of clients served reached a 5 year high this FY.



M/F ratio has remained constant. 83-85% F, 15-17% M



292,207 volunteer hours, which is down from previous years



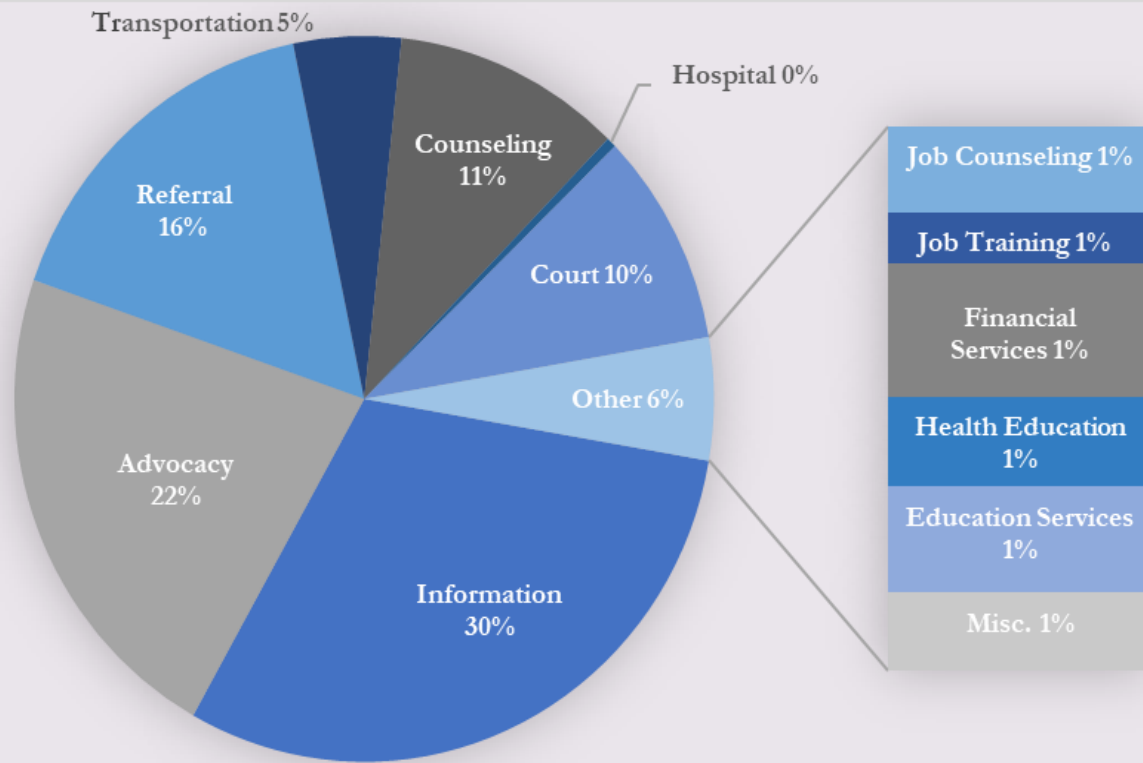
Racial data has remained constant. Under-representation of white clients served, over-representation of African American clients served. Other race/ethnicities match state percentages.



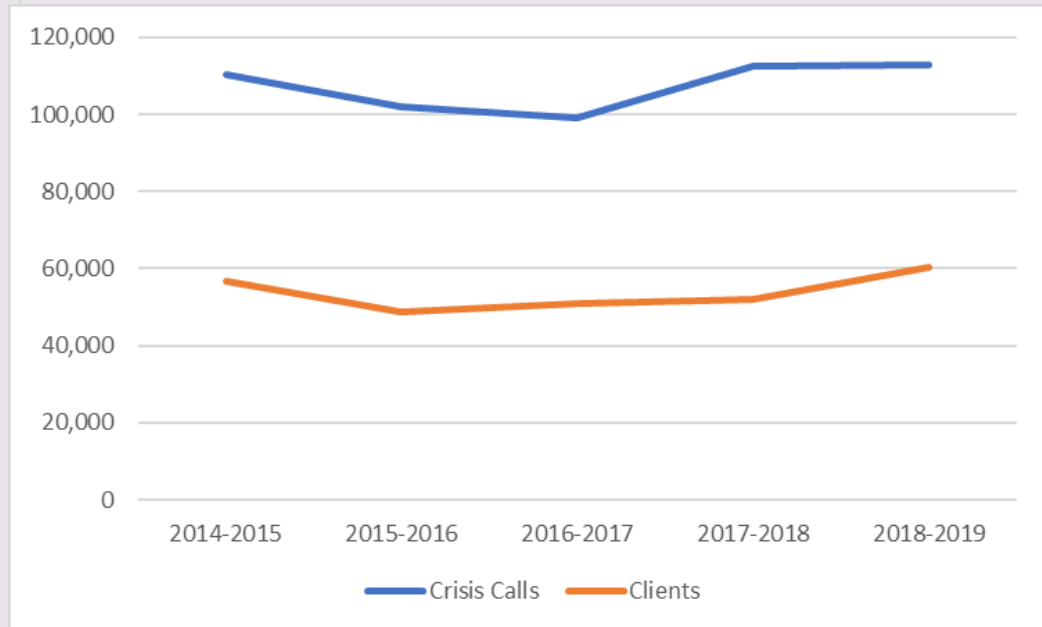
of victims referred due to a lack of space was at a 5 year high this fiscal year.

Trends in the Data

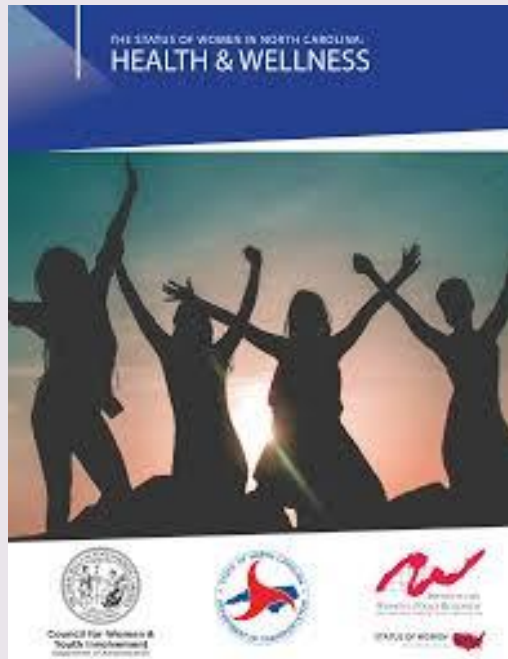
SERVICES PROVIDED BY DV AGENCIES



CRISIS CALLS & CLIENTS SERVED OVER 5 YEARS



1 in 3 North Carolina Women Experience Intimate Partner or Sexual Violence in Their Lifetime



Domestic Violence Center Fund



S. L. 2010-31 (Senate Bill 897)

Domestic Violence Program

2010-11 State Budget cut availability of grant funds by \$243,115 – resulting in funding at the FY 2009-10 level.

A decade later, 2009-10 funding levels are still in place**no inflation adjustments*

Batterer Intervention Program Committee

JUDGE ROBERT WILKINS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

Batterer Intervention Program (BIP)

- In 2002, the NC Council for Women was granted authority to approve and monitor for compliance the abuser treatment programs, under the oversight of the N.C. Domestic Violence Commission, utilized by the North Carolina court system.
- The **batterer intervention programs** provide a comprehensive social/behavioral and medical assessment, lethality /risk assessment and structured educational intervention based on social learning and cognitive theory principles.



Batterer Intervention Program (BIP)

Goals:

- Aid in the elimination of domestic violence by providing services to offenders
- Hold offenders accountable
- Promote safety and justice for victims and children
- Bring about social change needed to re-educate offenders on behavior
- Help offenders to develop new methods of interacting with intimate partners and family members.



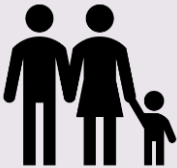
BIP Data, April 2018 to March 2019



2,806 court ordered
intakes



Court ordered intakes: 2,213
criminal court, 115 civil court,
478 probation/parole



10,709 DVPOs granted



93% male, 7% female

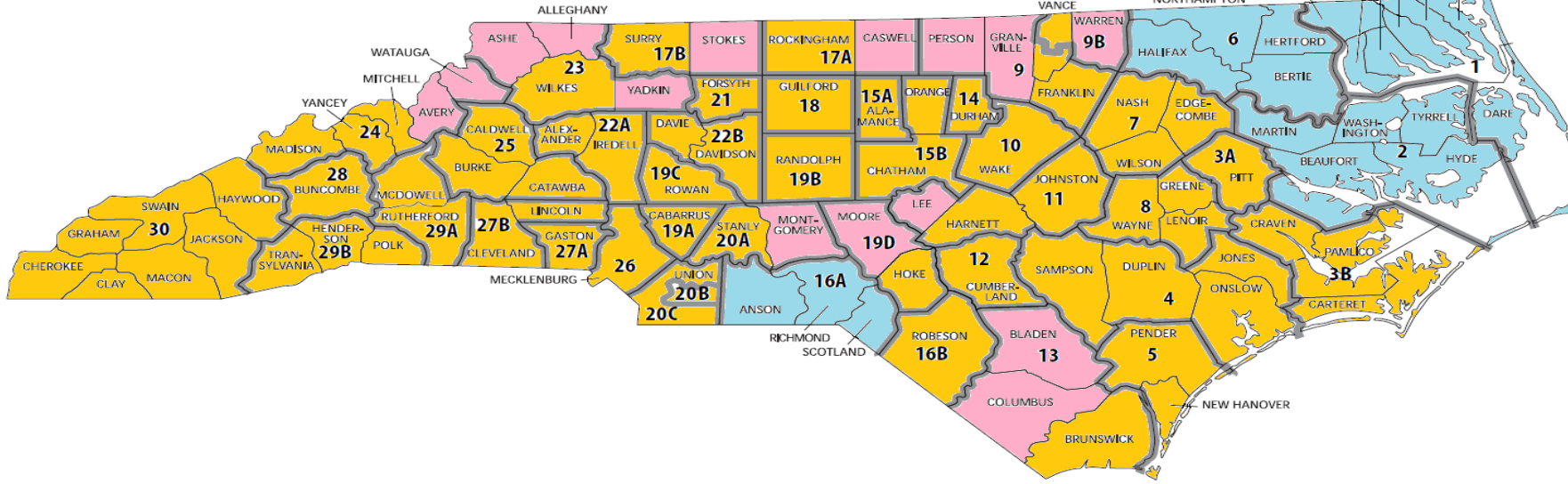


1,598 clients that
completed classes



26-week program with 38
approved programs

Effective January 1, 2019



Note: Districts 9 and 9B, and districts 20B and 20C are districts for electoral purposes only. They are combined for administrative purposes.

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Yellow = approved program

Pink = no approved program in county, but access to approved program in district

Blue = no access to an approved program

Senate Bill 493 – *Session Law 2019-168*

SECTION 1. G.S. 50B-3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 50B-3. Relief.

...

(a2) If the court orders that the defendant attend an abuser treatment program pursuant to G.S. 50B-3(a)(12), the defendant shall begin regular attendance of the program within 60 days of the entry of the order. When ordering a defendant to attend an abuser treatment program, the court shall also specify a date and time for a review hearing with the court to assess whether the defendant has complied with that part of the order. The review hearing shall be held as soon as practicable after 60 days from the entry of the original order. The date of the review shall be set at the same time as the entry of the original order, and the clerk shall issue a Notice of Hearing for the compliance review to be given to the defendant and filed with the court on the same day as the entry of the order. If a defendant is not present in court at the time the order to attend an abuser treatment program is entered and the Notice of Hearing for review is filed, the clerk shall serve a copy of the Notice of Hearing together with the service of the order. The plaintiff may, but is not required to, attend the 60-day review hearing.

(a3) At any time prior to the 60-day review hearing set forth in subsection (a2) of this section, a defendant who is ordered to attend an abuser treatment program may present to the clerk a written statement from an abuser treatment program showing that the defendant has enrolled in and begun regular attendance in an abuser treatment program. Upon receipt of the written statement, the clerk shall remove the 60-day review hearing from the court docket, and the defendant shall not be required to appear for the 60-day review hearing. The clerk shall also notify the plaintiff that the defendant has complied with the order and that no 60-day review hearing will occur.

Contact information for further information and partnership

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Links to resources discussed in the presentation:

- DV Statistical Brief:
https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/cfw/documents/FY2018-2019_Statistical_Brief.pdf
- Status of Women in NC – Health and Wellness report:
https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/cfw/documents/R592_NC_Health_Report_Final.pdf
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